

Regional Parish OHSEP Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday December 10, 2013 1:00 PM

Baton Rouge Parish – GOHSEP – Joint Field Office (JFO)

ATTENDEES

Sandy Davis, Dick Gremillion, Lisa Vidrine, John Rahaim, Mark Harrel, Thomas Thiebaud, Kevin Davis, Kevin Breaux, Chris Guilbeaux, Christina Dayries, James Smith, Vernie McNamee, Lee John, Joe Stewart, Darren Guidry, Pam Roussel, Collins Simoneaux, Darryl Delatte, Doug Zettlemoyer, Teresa Basco, Mike Steele, Ric Moore, and Casey Tingle.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting started promptly at 1:00 PM

Sandy Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

A copy of minutes from the November 12, 2013 meeting was handed out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Harrell made a motion to accept the November 12, 2013 minutes.

Thomas Thiebaud seconded the motion.

The November 12, 2013 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATE

Kevin Davis

GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis anticipates that GOHSEP's fiscal year 2014/2015 budget will see no significant changes. The Commissioner of Administration will present the Executive Budget to the legislature on January 24, 2014.

Christina stated that the Homeland Security Grant Specialist vacancy for Regions 2 and 7 has been filled by Tasha Smith. Chris announced that Rusti Liner will be leaving GOHSEP's G.I.S. position.

IDCE – JANUARY 7th – 10th

Christina Dayries

Christina Dayries and Chris Guilbeaux gave an overview of the IDCE Expo scheduled for the beginning of January, 2014, which GOHSEP is a co-host and Director Davis is a co-chairman of this event. There will be a number of good topics including a huge portion of insurance and medical concerns and evacuations. Recovery issues from Hurricane Sandy to the Philippines Typhoon. Some of the speakers will be Richard Serino, FEMA Deputy Administrator and Matt Moreland with National Weather Services (NWS) Slidell.

Chris mentioned a breakout room is reserved for discussions on Wednesday for any Directors, Regional Coordinators' and/or GOHSEP staff to utilize. Vendors will be stopping by for a meet and greet. Chris encouraged all Directors to attend as the conference is free of charge for all government employees.

DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 24th – 26th

Christina Dayries

Christina handed out a copy of flyer as a reminder of the upcoming conference. LEPA will be sending this announcement out to the LEPA members as well as Gene Duncan with State Police who will be sending to members of the local LEPCs. Christina stated she will send out registration reminders after the holidays. The agenda is still being finalized for day one with LEPA and the LEPC. ULL/NIMSAT is also finalizing speakers and topics for the Public/Private Partnerships for the afternoon of day one. Days two and three will be the normal OHSEP Directors conference with round robin breakout sessions and a couple of plenary sessions.

Discussion was held regarding holding a panel session related to recent emergency events like the train derailment, plant release, etc. She requested that if there are any other ideas to cover during this workshop to let her or Chris Guilbeaux know.

ANNUAL SCHEDULING FOR 2014 DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

Chris Guilbeaux

Chris stated Kip Franklin had suggested the Regional Director's meetings be held by phone / video teleconference monthly and a face-to-face meeting at the end of each quarter instead of the regular scheduled face-to-face monthly meetings. All agreed and Chris noted the dates for the remainder of 2014. At any time throughout the year, the subcommittee stated they may reconvene if needed to regular face to face monthly meetings.

Christina interjected that phone/video conferencing meetings are not official meetings per Legislative rules but it was determined that the meetings are not mandated on a monthly basis.

2013 LOUISIANA RISK ASSESSMENT

Ric Moore

Ric handed out copies of the results from the recent Risk Assessment Survey. The first part was objective part, second part was specific incidents and the third part was SPR questions. Not all are weighted equally; the biggest consequence difference is by population. All of the questions give consequences and is influenced by the nature and magnitude of a threat, with the likelihood to be the weakness area subsequently to an attack. The overall threat is the likelihood that something will happen whether it is natural hazards, manmade or terrorist criminal event. The highest end for risk is the highest populated area which is how the formula works. Just because you have a high population does not mean that you are at a higher risk. A high risk is a score of 3.33 for example New Orleans and Jefferson all on the high end of the medium risk. Both years 2012 and 2013 show almost exactly the same rankings which is some concern. Ric noted that some Parishes do not understand the questions and the questions for next year will be more defined.

CBRNE workshops were developed as a tool to help understand the threats and hazards that pose a significant risk and why we must be concerned about lack of preparedness. The indication that both 2012 and 2013 are exactly the same is a concern that the Parishes do not consider low threat issues such as “active shooters” and the Parish are not prepare for this kind of event. The CBRNE workshop has fourteen Agencies that deal with these kind of issues across the board and each Parish will become aware of their vulnerability issues and identify the areas of concern. GOHSEP has scheduled three CBRNE trainings for next year to reduce the Parishes vulnerability.

Dick questioned what the objective of this report is in relation to grant funding. Chris answered that this report does not relate to funding awarded from GOHSEP to the parishes. Sandy interjected that this is a very important topic and is used in the Federal determination on grant allocations and each Parish should use creative thinking about what kind events may happen especially considering that funding is a big consideration. Sandy suggested that GOHSEP have a short topic on this at the Director’s Workshop where each Region could throw out “what-if” possibilities and find topics that each Parish may not have considered. This topic was unanimously voted by the Regional Directors to be presented in the Directors Workshop.

PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Casey Tingle

Casey brought to the Parishes attention of the requirement to update Mitigation Plans and the importance of having a Mitigation Plan because receiving mitigation money is attached to having an approved Mitigation Plan. Plan updates begin in late 2014 and continue until 2017. Casey mentioned that GOHSEP is looking into offering the parishes the option of either updating themselves or requesting GOHSEP hire a contractor. For either option the grant would be around \$30,000 per parish and there would be a required match of 25%.

Dick questioned if there have been any statutory changes in the last five years that would require a major update or only minor modifications of approved plans It was questioned if a template was available or checklist to utilize for the plan review. Tommy commented that if we could get FEMA to stabilize the reviewing process instead of changes done over and over again it would help elevate some of the costs of these plans.

Casey advised he would check into the information requested by the subcommittee and report back at the following meeting.

REGIONAL UPDATES

REGION 1

John questioned about the training and exercise plan (TEP) if it was going to be published by Region. Chris answered the yearly TEP would be sent to the

parishes and published on the GOHSEP Event Calendars on the home page of the GOHSEP website.

John asked regarding the November Grants due out January will there be any requirement changes. Christina stated that GOHSEP is willing to work with the Parishes to expend their funding before the deadline.

John mentioned the microwave link is near completion which will be the backup to the ATT Lines. Six dispatchers have access to the microwave link which has opened expansion but the biggest challenge is stability and funding. The microwave link is a scalable link and basically maintenance free which can be utilized as priority or secondary link with ATT and interchangeable.

REGION 2

Region 1 will utilize the microwave link to Region 9 (St. Tammany Parish) and then link from Region 9 to Baton Rouge. Region 2 is considering adding the microwave link for discussion for the Agenda next year. Therefore, Region 9 can access through Region 2.

Active Shooter information sharing meeting last month with law enforcement agencies. They want to continue meeting quarterly and will start incorporating other Agencies (EMS and Fire department). The fire department will join next meeting month.

Regional Training at GOHSEP on Thursday, December 12th .

REGION 3

Completion on the Regional WEBEOC received approval from DHS and on the grant side to begin the Ham radio project in Terrebonne Parish.

Waterford III exercise went well with the exception of changing from a RC3 OHSEP to an RC3 Coord Call channel not all portables have RC3 OHSEP capabilities.

Lafourche Parish plans hosting a Search and Rescue Tabletop Exercise on March 20, 2014.

REGION 4

Lisa met with Becky regarding her representation (rural representative) on the First Responder Grant Working Group and her need to continuing to serve on that committee. Sandy motioned to nominate Becky to continue serving the committee and was seconded by Mark.

Spoke with Region 2 about participating in FEMA's Teleconferencing Webinar Exercises. Lee is coordinating with the LANG for locations areas for VTCs in all Regions.

Lee John stated he is coordinating the first quarter Regional Meeting dates and updating the by-laws with minor changes and contract agreements. Parish is still working finalizing details on ICS 300-400 training for 2014.

REGION 5

Dick commented that Law Enforcement communications approved to utilize the R5 interoperability channel.

Allen Parish is working on a Fire Act Grant application in conjunction with Region 5 for 700 MHz radios, which will affect Allen and Jeff Davis. Cameron and Calcasieu have all the 700 MHz radios transitions completed.

There are several training workshops, CBRNE, and an Active Shooters Exercise and will follow-up with a full scale Exercise in the Lake Charles Mall (Simon Properties) in the spring of 2014.

Dick questioned if there is a discrepancy parish to parish regarding submission of an Emergency Response Plan and exercise for schools? He believes his Parish is not conducting any exercises or submitting a plan and is there any guidance regarding that? Director Davis stated that in statue it has to be done. He also stated that this should occur within the parish with the appropriate jurisdictions. Director Davis also explained that he needs to have all school floor plans and the status of plans uploaded in Virtual Louisiana so he can verify to the legislative committee that this has been completed.

Director Davis stated this information must be received due to the fact that GOHSEP is the repository of these plans. Chris interjected that the floor plans need to be on the GIS Platform (schematics of each school). We need to upload those for every parish that is not in the platform. Many of the Regional Directors advised that the Louisiana State Police (LSP) and Sheriff's Offices are taking the lead with the Parish School Board and obtaining the plans.

REGION 6

Teresa stated Concordia Parish held an Active Shooter Exercise. Teresa commented she will verify what Parishes have school plans and report back to GOHSEP on January 16th which is the next scheduled meeting for Regional Directors.

Participated in the Red Cross reorganization meeting and has scheduled a series of meetings for 2014 regarding shelters.

REGION 7

Sandy announced that as of July 1, 2014 that he will no longer be the Director of Caddo/Bossier Parish. The Parish Police Jury and Sheriff's Department voted to separate the Parishes therefore a new Director will be appointed for Bossier Parish. Bossier will announce around January 1st who the new Director will be in Bossier Parish. Sandy will move to offices located in Caddo Parish with his team of 2-3 personnel and anticipates a smooth transition.

REGION 8

Regional Meeting was held and a vote was taken to rotate from Parish to Parish with each Parish hosting the meetings.

Duck Commanders Christmas coming up this weekend should have a great turnout all hotels are booked. Numerous exhibits and shows will be for example Boat Flotilla, duck races, laser and fireworks show followed by a street dance, expectancy of approximately 60,000-80,000 people in attendance. Some threats have been received from Alabama and PETA because they kill ducks and deer. Numerous meeting have been held with State Police, Sherriff's Department, Wildlife and Fisheries, and tactical enforcement is fully staffed for this event as well as the GOHSEP mobile command post.

REGION 9

No report.

OPEN DISCUSSION

A motion to adjourn was made by Sandy Davis
Motion was seconded by Mark Harrell
Meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM

END OF REPORT